

Restorative Hope

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A Restorative Hope:

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Jonah

The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: (Jonah 1:1)

.....in accordance with the word of the LORD, the God of Israel, spoken through his servant Jonah son of Amittai, the prophet.... (2 Kings 14:25)

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The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: *"Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."*

(Jonah 1:1-2)





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Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow
Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish
three days and three nights.

(Jonah 1:17)



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Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to
Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took
three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a
day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more
days and Nineveh will be overthrown." The Ninevites
believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of
them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

(Jonah 3:3-5)



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O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Fanny Crosby



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angry. He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord,
when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by
fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and
compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in
love, a God who relents from sending calamity. Now, Lord,
take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."*

(Jonah 4:1-3)



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"We are God's chosen few, all others
will be damned.
There is no place in heaven for you, we
can't have heaven crammed."

Jonathon Swift, Irish Poet and Satirist



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'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.
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for those who persecute you, that you may
be children of your Father in heaven.'

(Matthew 5:43-45)



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'The way the world is supposed to know
what God is like is by looking at the
people of God.'

John Mark Comer



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May the God of hope fill you with all
joy and peace in believing, so that by
the power of the Holy Spirit you may
abound in hope.

Romans 15:13



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Who are your enemies?
Identify them.



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Pray for chance to show
restorative hope



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Show compassion, grace
and love to yourself



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But to _____ this (grace, mercy and hope) seemed very wrong, and they became angry.

OR

There was a person named _____ who extended grace and mercy to _____, despite _____, and played a role in their restoration.